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SUBJ: SPECIAL NAC MEETING

AFTER AGENDA ITEMS HAD BEEN HANDLED (REFTELS), BELGIAN (DE STAERCKE), DEAN OF COUNCIL, SPEAKING FOR HIS GOVT AND AS DEAN, MADE STRONG STATEMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY FOR CLEAR-SIGHTEDNESS, COURAGE, FIRMNESS, AS WELL AS MODERATION, WITH WHICH HE HANDLED MOST DIFFICULT AND SERIOUS CUBAN SITUATION. DE STAERCKE ASKED THAT US SO INFORM PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

DE STAERCKE THEN STATED THAT NOW THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAD AGREED TO "FIRST INGREDIENT" IN CRISIS BY PROMISING TO RENDER INOPERABLE MISSILES IN CUBA, NAC SHOULD THINK OF WHAT WE SHOULD DO NEXT. HE URGED THEREFORE US AND UK PARTICULARLY, BUT ALSO OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS, GIVE SOONEST AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENTS,

DE STAERCKE EXPRESSED HOPE SUCH EVALUATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NAC MEETING 31ST.

US PROMISED OBTAIN EVALUATION SOONEST, BUT FELT WOULD TAKE LONGER TO GET FULL, MEANINGFUL EVALUATION.

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US, AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR REMARKS MADE ABOUT
HANDLING OF SITUATION BY PRESIDENT, STATED NAC ITSELFSECRETREPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS
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SHOULD BE PROUD WITH VERY FINE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WHICH IT SHOWED YESTERDAY IN FACE OF MOST SERIOUS DANGERS. THIS SHOWED FUNDAMENTAL SOUNDNESS AND GOOD SENSE OF ALLIANCE. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS NOT IN ORDER TO MERELY CONGRATULATE OURSELVES OR TO RELAX. US THEN SUGGESTED THAT NAC SHOULD GIVE ITS SUPPORT, AS APPROPRIATE AND WOULD BE HELPFUL, TO MOVES BY ITS CONSTITUENT GOVERNMENTS, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBLE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOLLOWING THE CUBAN SETTLEMENT TO: 1) ACHIEVE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN WEST AND RUSSIA; 2) MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT; AND 3) ACHIEVE SOME IMMEDIATE RESULTS IN AREA OF PARTIAL DISARMAMENT.



COLONNA SUMMED UP MEETING BY STATING IT CLEAR ALL DESIRED, NOW THAT FIRST SATISFACTORY HURDLE HAD BEEN PASSED, TO GIVE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHERE WE SHOULD GO IN FUTURE. WE HAVE TWO PRINCIPAL PATHS WE MUST WATCH: THOSE LEADING TO PEACE AND TO WAR.

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